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Bryan and the Politicians.

Mr. Bryan, in a personal letter, thus takes a leaf in the fall of an organization which in New York has been maneuvering in his name.

While I appreciate the generous concurrence shown to me by the Commercial Travelers' Anti-Trust League in sending out literature favorable to my causes, I cannot convince myself that it is advisable for any national organization to undertake to work up or to crystallize sentiment in my behalf. If I am ever nominated again the campaign must come from the voters, and my views are so well known that they can act on the subject without the aid of an advisory bureau.

Your league has my cordial approval and cooperation in carrying on its propaganda against the trusts, but I do not desire to have any effort made by any organization to secure a nomination for me.

In all probability the thing that provoked this mild rebuke was the recent announcement made in New York that, so much progress had been made in the organization of a Mr. Bryan's behalf, next year's program could now be outlined. Then followed the prediction that ex-Gov. Francis of Missouri would preside over the democratic national convention, Augustus Thomas, the playwright, would put Mr. Bryan in nomination, and "Big Tim" Sullivan would manage the campaign. This led to considerable discussion, in which The Star joined. Not favorable to so outlandish an arrangement.

Mr. Bryan takes the right view of the situation. His case is with the rank and file of his party. They know him and what he represents, and if they want him to lead the party again they will say so in good time and in their own way. It is neither necessary nor advisable therefore for politicians to go to the trouble of putting themselves forward as custodians of his interests, and through organizations and otherwise, making themselves conspicuous in his name.

Mr. Bryan is sensitive about some things. He will not wear leading strings. He forms his own opinions, and picks his own cronies. He is his own man. You may differ with him about policy, but wonder a little about some of his friends, but that he is a sincere man with a high sense of character and dignity admits of no doubt. For this reason any talk topped off with the suggestion of such a politician as "Big Tim" Sullivan for the place of Bryan manager next year leads to doubt as to its authority. "Big Tim" will have his uses in the campaign, and Mr. Bryan will appreciate his services, but his place will not be at Mr. Bryan's elbow, nor will he be charged with important national duties.

Mr. Bryan, as we may see, is, just now, looking to the people and not to the politicians for credentials. If he wins at the polls next year will the people outclass the politicians in influence at the White House?

Wares Thieves!

Numerous thefts from the person are being reported to the police of this city, indicating that artful dodgers are at work on the cars and in crowds to relieve the unwary of their possessions. It may be that these pocket thieves are moving north or south, to or from Jamestown, or are merely assembled here to ply their trade among the Jamestown tourists who are visiting the capital by the hundreds daily. At all events, there is evidence a wave of petty thievery, and it behooves all people to be careful about their cash and watches and other valuables when they fare forth into the streets or ride on the cars. It is comparatively easy to safeguard the pockets. The surest way to do so is to have nothing of value in them. The person who must carry large sums of money, or who is given to the wearing of jewelry, must be on guard whenever approached by strangers. If greater care were exercised in the handling of purses there would be fewer lost or stolen. It is always to be remembered that the artful dodger seldom goes through the pockets of another on chance. He is working to a fair certainty, spotting his victim and ascertaining by close observation whether the article is worth the candle. Thus some indiscreet action, causing the exposure of a roll of bills, or the carrying of a watch, is usually one of the links in the chain of circumstances leading to a complaint at headquarters.

Sir Thomas Lipton has found a way of getting rid of his surplus money that involves less criticism than founding colleges or contributing to campaign funds.

After seeing how many booms the republican party has developed, Mr. Bryan is able to survey his own field of activity with the pride of a monopolist.

As an ocean curiosity the Lusitania is as big a success as the sea serpent and involves no risk of harsh words to nature fakers.

Umpires, Players and Spectators. As now played professional base ball is a clean sport, honest to the core and rapidly losing the elements of rowdiness which for some years made it a synonym for thuggism and trickery. Managers and players have come to understand that the public supports the game because of the skill displayed, and not because of the disabling tactics employed on the field. Umpiring, too, has improved, until the arbitrator of the game stands high in the estimation of the spectators as an earnest worker in the interest of exact justice. No longer does the spectator mark him for a victim. He may be reviled by hot-headed "fans" and booed and styled "rotter" and dubbed with infinite variation of the theme. But in his heart of hearts the zealous supporter of the game knows that the umpire is square and is doing his best according to his lights. Sometimes undoubtedly his lights are feeble. He errs, because he is human. He is called upon to decide close questions with a rapidity that would tax the resources of the most infallible jurist, and naturally there are many who differ, chiefly because it is in

their interest just at that moment to take issue with the umpire. But it is the fortune of base ball that the umpire who is booed today for a course of adverse decisions may be lauded tomorrow for another course of rulings, which happen more exactly to meet the partisan desires of the crowd.

Yesterday occurred at St. Louis a deplorable tragedy, bespeaking a revival of the old feeling of intense personal hostility toward the umpire, which it was hoped had faded. During an argument between an umpire and players over a decision of importance, a decision bearing upon a question of physical fact, a hot-headed spectator in the stand threw a bottle, which struck the judge of play in the head, fracturing his skull and endangering his life. It is not too much to say that this criminal action is repudiated by every friend of the game throughout the country. So indignant, indeed, were the other spectators that when the bottle-thrower, realizing the seriousness of his conduct, tried to escape, he was pursued by a mob of frenzied people, who had to be driven back by the police.

It will be to the everlasting credit of the base ball public of the United States if that incident of the game at St. Louis proves to be the last time an umpire is assaulted. It should teach a lesson to every spectator. It should teach players that they are possibly inciting the riotous spirits of the crowd when they wrangle with the umpire over decisions which of course cannot possibly be reversed. For it is to be remembered that the participants are themselves to a large extent responsible for the uproar in which umpires are held by the spectators, and they can go far toward putting the game securely and definitely upon the basis of fair play and open sport to which it has been steadily tending for years. If they will play their parts with some degree of check upon their tempers and grant that the umpire is presumably honest in his work.

Single-Track Railroad.

Whoever may be found to have been responsible for the miswriting of a number in the train order which caused the fatal collision on the Boston and Maine railroad near Canaan, Vt., yesterday morning, the blame for the disaster can not ultimately be shifted from the shoulders of those who have continued to maintain this line on a single-track basis. Back of the blundering dispatcher or telegraph operator lies this broad fact—that it is unsafe to attempt to run trains in opposite directions on the same track. Yet, although this truth is self-evident and has been tragically demonstrated scores and hundreds of times within the past few years, railways are continued in service with single tracks and reliance is placed in a signal system which, when it works perfectly, permits a shuffling of trains up and down by means of occasional switches without accident.

In this case the disaster was caused by the delivery to a freight conductor of orders which warranted him in going one switch farther along the line than he would ordinarily have gone, in the face of two approaching passenger trains. His order referred to one of the two trains, which should have referred to the other. Either the dispatcher at Concord sent out the wrong numeral reference to the train or the operator at the Canaan station transcribed the message incorrectly. In either case there was no check on the blunder. When the freight train had pulled out of the Canaan station nothing could have prevented a collision short of the approaching engineers seeing the danger in time to bring their trains to a halt. The night was foggy, however, and furthermore a curve hid the trains from one another.

Even on double-track roads the "human error" must always be reckoned with as a factor in railroad safety. But this element is greatly reduced as a potency for evil when there are two tracks and the block signal system is operated on an automatic basis. Even in such cases the danger is sufficient to warrant the demand that the railroads adopt some device which will bring trains to a halt when entering prohibited stretches of track, thus preventing rear-end collisions. The traveling public is desperately impatient with lines that decline to adopt every possible means of lowering the accident percentage, and it regards the double track and the first and most essential of these methods.

Oklahoma.

In one respect at least the people of Oklahoma are prepared for statehood. They vote tomorrow, and both sides are confident. You take your choice between a democratic prediction of thirty thousand majority, and the republican claim of ten thousand. This is in the style of the old-fashioned figures. It will be observed, are no respecters of commonwealths. They will perform as big tricks for the new as for the old. Of all outsiders, the two men who probably await the result with most interest are Mr. Bryan and Secretary Taft. The one was the star stumper of the democratic and the other of the republican. The latter, who is now at sea, must wait for his news until he reaches Honolulu. A republican victory would sweeten his trip across the Pacific considerably.

Georgia and Chanler.

Lieut. Gov. Chanler of New York is to be invited to attend the Georgia state fair. It was from Georgia that Judge Parker's first invitation came after his name had been suggested in connection with the presidency. He accepted, it will be remembered, and made a speech which puzzled the politicians and entertained nobody. Still he was nominated for President, and Georgia supported him. Mr. Chanler is another New York dark horse, and the people of the Cracker state may to inspect his points. He is a younger nag than Judge Parker, and there is much talk about his speed. But the famous, though twice defeated, Bryan will probably win the race for the nomination.

J. Hamilton Lewis also thinks there will be war with Japan. After so long a rest something more novel and striking than this was to be expected from an intellect that was once so exhilarating in its effervescence.

Without going into the question very deeply, it must be admitted that some of the spirits in selecting mediums for earthly communication show themselves to be very deficient judges of human nature.

Gabriel D'Annunzio says he is going to die in 1908. He takes even more terrible chances than the man who refuses a presidential nomination without considering how he may feel about it when the time comes.

Slight figures are favored this season by experts in dressmaking. The figures referred to, however, do not apply to the check book any more than before.

St. Louis has succeeded in breaking the record for brutal base ball.

Officially, that is to say, as per schedule, the straw that passed out yesterday, with the 15th of September. Actually, it will not pass until the sun has ceased to broil humanity. There is no fixed date for the going, any more than there is for its coming, in the case of the most common summer men wear derby hats throughout the summer, because they prefer them. There

are few cases of record of men wearing straw hats through the winter for the same reason, however. It is a matter of taste and physical comfort rather than of hard-and-fast fashion law. The tendency of the day is toward individual comfort, not strict convention, and the appearance of a black hat immediately after the 15th is not necessarily to be regarded as a sign that its wearer is infallible in all matters sartorial. Possibly he is afraid of rain, or maybe his old summer lid is beyond redemption.

G. Bernard Shaw lured a party out to search for him, with the result that the party got lost while Mr. Shaw remained in uninterrupted safety. Sometimes Mr. Shaw's idea of a joke becomes positively British.

Raisuli is said to be after a government appointment. The horrible thought presents itself that, having tried everything else, he is anxious to take a hand in political graft.

Of course Mr. Taft will be the object of much consideration abroad. In fact, his prospects make it seem a good idea for him to get used to ovations.

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In the World of Letters.

"I'm glad that spelling reform craze has subsided," said the proofreader. "I must confess it had me worried." "We got off easy," answered the copyholder; "suppose there had been a decree ordering us to take up Volapuk or Esperanto?"

Fashions Transformation.

They say that curves shall be no more, and presently 'twill come to pass. The hourglass girl you knew of yore is changed into the stovepipe lass.

Heredit.

"That politician says his youngest takes after him." "He does," answered the irritable neighbor; "keeps shouting at the top of his voice without ever saying anything in particular."

Irrelevance.

"Just think of it!" exclaimed the man who delights in curious calculations, the Lusitania's length exceeds the height of the tallest skyscraper in New York. "No doubt," answered the frigidly practical person; "but as the skyscraper will never be fitted up with engines and shoved into the water, and as the Lusitania cannot possibly be stood on end and rented out for offices, I fail to see that the comparison has any practical significance."

The Pedestrian.

He looked about with air distraught, And cried in tones of woe: "I'm wondering which way I ought In quest of peace to go. The streets are filled with motor cars Which pass me madly by; There will be alarums 'mid the stars If I should learn to fly. 'E'en in the ocean depths profound Strange craft 'dodge in vain, And should I burrow 'neath the ground I'll meet a subway train. Unto a state of nervous stress My life is surely linked. My only chance for happiness Is to become extinct!"

Disease Spread by Cuban Misrule.

A typical instance of Cuban misrule is furnished by the spreading of cholera at Cienfuegos. That there should have been an alarming outbreak of yellow fever at this place surprised no one who is acquainted with the facts, for Cienfuegos has the reputation of being the dirtiest and most insanitary city on the island, which is saying a good deal. It is dirty and insanitary in the superlative degree because the money that is appropriated for keeping it clean and sweet is spent for worse purposes, but is for the most part divided by the politicians among themselves. A good deal of cleaning up has been done in a year, which was the amount provided for those objects at Cienfuegos, four-fifths by the general government and one-fifth by the municipality, but only a small percentage of this sum is applied to the work for which it is meant to pay.

Canal Zone Morals.

From the New York Tribune. It was agreeable, as a matter of truth and justice, to observe in the Tribune a few days ago an account of the moral conditions which prevail on the Isthmian canal zone, given by a well-known clergyman of the Episcopal Church who had gone thither on an official errand of inspection and investigation. After painstaking observations he declared that moral conditions in the zone were remarkably good. There was very little crime, and little work for the Isthmian police excepting to guard property. Imprisonments were chiefly for drunkenness and brawling, but those misdemeanors were apparently in the main inspired outside the zone, for he found only two or three places for the sale of intoxicants within its borders. This account accords with official reports and with the statements of judicious observers generally.

Rights of the Road.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The automobilist has the same right to use the roads as the same duty of respecting the rights and regarding the safety of others that owners of horses and carriages have. The latter have exactly the same rights and duties. When either asserts the right to override the rights of the other there is need for exemplary treatment.

Real Politicians.

From the Newark News. Step by step the women are qualifying themselves for the ballot. A petition purporting to be signed by 21,000 of them was recently thrown out by parliament, because the signatures proved to be largely bogus.

Yes, Whose?

From the Chicago Post. Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Carnegie are held up by a Methodist minister as examples of what patience and hard labor will achieve. Whose patience and hard labor?

A Punching Bag.

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch. The days go by, and still no enterprising sporting goods maker has named a punching bag the Harahan.

Did Not Kidnap Him.

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch. At one time, no government hunter contrived to steal the prince.

Push, All Together.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Grade crossings never will go of their own accord. They must be pushed.

Woman Nature.

From the Chicago News. A woman always likes to have the telephone ring when she has company.

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